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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 10, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 12, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-35 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1-35 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claims 4, 11, and 32 are amended to correct matters of form. This amendment is not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claim as amended is entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-16, drawn to a method, classified in class 205, subclass 82.
- II. Claims 17-35, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 204, subclass 194.

Applicants elect Invention I, claims 1-16, with traverse.

The Examiner asserts that inventions I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The Examiner asserts that the apparatus claimed can be used for several operations, such as electrochemical plating, besides the fluid delivery process of claim 1.

Applicants note that the recited electrochemical processing apparatus includes the recited fluid delivery system adapted to perform the method as recited in claims 1 and 8. Further, separate searches would likely identify the same references for the claims of Group I and Group II, as identified by the Examiner. Thus, the process and apparatus are related and should be examined together.

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Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and allowance of claims 1 - 35 as amended.

Respectfully submitted,



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